

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

AHDD&F DEPARTMENT - Fisheries - Introduction of Licensing System in Annapurna (Ananthagiri) Reservoir, Illanthakunta Mandal of Rajanna Sircilla District - Amendments to the Preliminary Notification and issuing of Final Notification– Orders - Issued.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRY DEVELOPMENT & FISHERIES (F) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.15

Dated:01-07-2023

Read the following:-

- 1) G.O.Ms.No.776, AHDD &F (F-II) Dept., dated: 31-12-1990.
- 2) G.O.Ms.No.05, AHDD&F (F) Dept., dt: 28.02.2023.
- 3) From the Commissioner of Fisheries, T.S. Hyderabad, Lr.No.8/2/2023-C-SECTION, Dated: 19.04.2023.

ORDER:

In the G.O 2nd read above Government have issued Preliminary Notification introducing Licensing system in Annapurna (Ananthagiri) Reservoir, Illanthakunta Mandal of Rajanna Sircilla District.

2 In the reference 3rd read above, the Commissioner Fisheries, T.S., Hyderabad has proposed certain amendments to the Preliminary Notification G.O.2nd read above and requested the Government to issue Final Notification in the matter.

3. After consideration of the proposal, Government hereby issue the Final Notification, duly incorporating the amendements for introducing the Licensing System in Annapurna (Ananthagiri) Reservoir, Illanthakunta Mandal of Rajanna Sircilla District. The proposed rules terms and conditions furnished in the letter 3rd read above are also approved and appended to this order.

4. The Commissioner of Fisheries, T.S. Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

ADHAR SINHA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner of Fisheries, Hyderabad,
The Commission of Command Area Developement,
Himayarnagar,Hyderabad.
The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad,
The Commissioner, Tribal welfare, Hyderabad,
The District Collector,Rajanna Sircilla District,

Copy to:

The Irrigation & Command Area Development Department,
The Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department,
OSD to Minister (AHDD&F Dept.,)
PS to Spl.C.S. to Government, AHDD&F Department.
SC/SF.

//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER

FINAL NOTIFICATION

(G.O.Ms.No.15 , Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development & Fisheries (F) Department, Dated. 01-07-2023)

The following rules for introduction of licensing system for fishing in the Annapurna (Ananthagiri) reservoir, located in Ananthagiri Village, Illanthakunta Mandal of Rajanna Sircilla district which are proposed to be made in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 6 of the Indian Fisheries Act, 1897 (Act No.4 of 1897) to regulate and control of fishing in the Annapurna (Ananthagiri) reservoir of Ananthagiri Village, Illanthakunta Mandal of Rajanna Sircilla district after examination of all representations received on draft rules.

Rules

1. (A) These rules may be called the Telangana State (Regulation and Control of Fishing) in Annapurna (Ananthagiri) Reservoir, Ananthagiri Village, Illanthakunta Mandal of Rajanna Sircilla District.

(B) They shall apply to Annapurna (Ananthagiri) Reservoir is located in Annapurna (Ananthagiri) Reservoir, Ananthagiri village, Illanthakunta Mandal of Rajanna Sircilla District Telangana State.

2. Definitions:-

- A. "Commissioner / Director" means the Commissioner / Director of Fisheries appointed by the Government and any other officers on whom all or any of the powers of Commissioner / Director of Fisheries are conferred.
- B. "Competent Authority" means the District Fisheries Officer or any officer of Fisheries Department authorized by him not below the rank of Assistant Inspector of Fisheries.
- C. "Fishing means any act or activity for the purpose of taking fish from water".
- D. "Fish Sanctuary" means any area so declared by the State Government by notification as fish sanctuary in the Telangana State Gazette from time to time.
- E. "Gill-net" means the net is a long gill net with / without weights and floats operated in shallow and deep waters;
- F. "Inspecting Officer" means the District Fisheries Officer or any officer authorized by him not below the rank of Assistant Inspector of Fisheries;
- G. "Pandyjal / Dragnet" means the net with floats and nets operated by taking into water with one end at the shore and other end is brought to shore after shooting the net. The net is dragged to shore by men / women at each end.
- H. "Tackle" means any kind of apparatus, instrument or tool operated manually or mechanically in waters for catching / harvesting of Aquatic organisms / plant whether live or dead;
- I. "Valakattu" means the net used for fishing by fixing the net at certain place or by keeping the net stationery.

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3. No fishing shall be permitted in the waters as specified in Schedule “A” to these rules by any contrivance.
- 4.No person shall fish in the waters as specified in Schedule “B” to these rules with any contrivance during the period commencing from the 1st day of July to 31st day of August (both days inclusive) of the year and no person shall fish with any nets, which is 25mm or less from knot to knot or with any basket trap or any other fixed engines whose slivers are less than 25mm apart in the said waters during the period commencing from the 1st day of September to 30th day of June (both days inclusive) of the succeeding year.

5.The fishermen shall apply in writing, for issue of license to the competent authority.
The terms and condition for the issue of a license shall be as follows, namely:-

- (a) The license shall not be transferable.
- (b) The licensee shall be bound by all the conditions, prescribed from time to time during the period of license.
- (c) The licensee shall carry with him, his license while fishing and shall produce on demand for inspection to the Inspecting Officer.
- (d) Fishing rights shall not be claimed as a matter of right and shall only be given under the discretion of the competent authority to issue it.
- (e) No person shall fish in the waters specified in the license with any net whose mesh is below 25mm from knot to knot when it is wet or any basket trap whose slivers are below 25 mm apart during the period when fishing under the rules.
- (f) Fishes of less than 200 mm in length of the varieties specified below shall, if caught, be released alive into the water.
 - (i) *Catla catla*
 - (ii) *Labeo fimbriatus*
 - (iii) *Labeo rohita*
 - (iv) *Cirrhina mrigala*
 - (v) *Cyprinus carpio*
 - (vi) *Labeo calabasu*

(g) Licensee shall not operate any net of more than 450 feet in length.

(h) Licensee shall not operate Pandyjal (Drag net / Shore seine) drag net; and

(i) The following persons are entitled to get the license in the order of priority

a. Members of Fishermen Cooperative Society, whose water bodies are subsumed in the Annapurna (Ananthagiri) Reservoir,

b. Annapurna (Ananthagiri) Reservoir Project Affected Persons of the following villages who face loss of livelihood, have adequate skills in fishing and express interest to take-up fishing activities for their livelihood.

S. No.	District	Mandal	Village
1	Rajanna Sircilla	Illanthakunta	Ananthagiri
2		Illanthakunta	Repaka
3	Siddipet	Chinnakodur	Kochaguttapally
4		Chinnakodur	Allipur
5		Chinnakodur	Chelkalapally

c. Persons belonging to Fishing communities (G.O.Ms. No.98 Revenue Dept., Dated:22.01.1964, G.O.Ms. No. 74 A.H, D.D. & F Dept., Dated: 21.10.2011 and G.O.Ms. No. 4 A.H, D.D. & F Dept., Dated: 04.07.2022) residing in the following villages.

S. No.	District	Mandal	Village
1	Rajanna Sircilla	Illanthakunta	Ananthagiri
2.			Sirikonda
3.			Anantharam
4.			Arepally
5.			Thippapuram
6.			Dacharam
7.			Illanthakunta
8.			Gallipelli
9.			Jangamreddypelli
10.			Jawaharpet
11.			Kandikatkur
12.			Narsakkapet
13.			Muskanipet
14			Obulapuram
15.			Pathikuntapalli
16.			Peddalingapur
17.			Pothuru
18.			Rahimkhanpet
19.			Ramojipet
20.			Repaka
1.	Siddipet	Chinnakodur	Allipur
2.			Kistapur
3.			Mylaram
4.			Yellaipally
5.			Chalakalapally
6.			Rangaipally
7.			Vittalapur
8.			Choudaram
9.			Salendri (Metpally)
10.			Machapur

6. The license shall be issued to the fishing community who are not having any membership in the existing society.
7. The license shall be issued by the respective District Fisheries Officer or any other officer authorized by him not below the rank of an Assistant Inspector of Fisheries in the form set forth in Schedule "E" to these rules. The District Fisheries Officer shall furnish a list of license holders to the local Irrigation and Power Authorities every year.
8. No person or persons shall catch in the waters with any contrivance or other methods, any of the fish as specified in Schedule "C" to these rules which measures less than 200mm in length during the period when fishing is permitted under the above rules and if any such of the fishes are caught, they shall be released alive into the waters.
9. No person shall fish, in the waters without a valid license for the period as specified in item II of Schedule "B" to these rules.
10. The fees chargeable for fishing in the waters shall be as specified in Schedule "D" to these rules and is subject to change from time to time.
11. The District Fisheries Officer or any other officer authorized by him not below the rank of Assistant Inspector of Fisheries may cancel a license, if the licensee violates any of these rules, after giving to him a reasonable opportunity to explain. If the license is cancelled, the licensee shall not be entitled for the further fishing in the waters. However, the aggrieved licensee may appeal to the Commissioner of Fisheries or officer authorized by him.
12. Any person who is in possession of fish within a radius of 1 km from the perimeter of reservoir (on both sides) shall give reasons to the satisfaction of the concerned District Fisheries Officer or any of the officer of the Fisheries Department authorized by him as to how he is in possession of the fish.
13. No person shall erect a Valakattu or Addavala anywhere in the waters as specified in Schedule "A" to these rules.
14. Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules, fishing may be permitted by or with the orders of the District Fisheries Officer for the purpose of experiments or for stocking them in the Departmental waters.
15. The officer of the Fisheries Department, who is authorized to issue licenses under these rules, shall seize the fish caught, any type of fishing gear and craft operated and any other nets used in contravention of these rules. He may also auction the fish so confiscated to avoid spoilage. The sale proceeds of such auction shall be remitted to Government account.
16. Magistrate of the First class may, while convicting any person for the breach of aforesaid rule or rules, order the seizure, forfeiture or removal of the craft and tackle or any fixed appliance.
17. Whoever commits a breach of these rules shall be punishable with fine, which may extend to Rs.500/- (Rupees Five Hundred Only) and when the breach is a continuing one, his license shall be liable for cancellation.
18. The licensee shall bring his catches to a specified landing centre and provide necessary fish catching data as and when directed by the District Fisheries Officer or his nominee.
19. The licensee shall conduct fishing within the specified area in the reservoir as may be indicated by the District Fisheries Officer or his nominee in the license.
20. No person shall erect any fixed engines to bailout water with a view to catch fish in the waters.

- 21.No licensee is permitted to use any motorized craft for fishing in the reservoir.
- 22. The licensee shall surrender his catches to the District Fishermen Co-operative Societies, T. S. Fishermen’s Cooperative Societies Federation Limited or the authorized agency, at the rates fixed by the Commissioner/Director of Fisheries, Telangana State, Hyderabad.
- 23. The licensee is prohibited from fishing by poisoning, shooting, explosive substance, electrocution, bombing, and stupefaction.

SCHEDULE “A”

(See Rule 3)

- 1. No fishing of any sort is permitted in the waters lying 100 meters from the Reservoir Dam on either side duringthe entire year.
- 2. No fishing shall be conducted within 100 meters below the sluice gates or regulators in the canals or distributaries of reservoirs and their channels.

SCHEDULE “B”

(See rule 8)

I. Closed season

Closed season for two months (i.e.) from 1st day of July to 31st day of August (both days inclusive) of the year is to be observed in the waters of the reservoirs and their channels and up to 5 kms in its upstream.

II. Mesh or Sliver regulations:

Mesh regulations of 25mm or below from knot to knot or with any basket trap or any other fixed engine whose slivers are less than 25mm apart are imposed in the reservoir and its streams up to an extent of 5 kms during the period commencing form 1st day of September to 30th day of June of the succeeding year (both days inclusive) in the reservoirs and their channels.

SCHEDULE “C”

(See Rule 7)

The following varieties of the fishes are prohibited to be caught below 200 mm in length.

<u>English / Scientific Name</u>	<u>Telugu Name</u>
i) <i>Catla catla</i>	Bocha
ii) <i>Labeo firmbriatus</i>	Gande
iii) <i>Labeio rohita</i>	Rohu
iv) <i>Cirrhina mrigala</i>	Yerra mosu
v) <i>Cyprinus carpio</i>	Bangaru theega
vi) <i>Labeo calabasu</i>	Kaki paraka / chitra

SCHEDULE “D”

(See Rule 9)

- 1. **Craft:** the following craft are only to be used for catching the fish at the below mentioned license fee.

S. No.	Name of the Craft	License fee to be collected per Fasli
1	Teppas / Catamaran	Rs.5/-
2	Coracle / Putti / Arige	Rs.10/-

Crafts other than the above shall not be permitted in the waters of reservoirs and their channels.

2. **Tackle:** The following tackle are only to be used for fishing at the below mentioned license fee.

S. No	Name of the Tackle	License fee to be collected per Fasli
1	Gill Net 100 ft. and up to “150”	Rs.100/-
2	Cast Net	Rs.50/-
3	Long line with hooks up to a maximum length of 100 feet or part thereof	Rs.75/-

SCHEDULE “E”
(See Rule 7)

FORM OF LICENCE FOR FISHING IN RESERVOIR

(Reservoirs and their channels)

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA, FISHERIES DEPARTMENT

(G.O.Ms.No. ____ AH, DD & F (Fish) Dept. Dated: ____)

S. No.	Counter foil	Original
	Fishing license issued for Fishing in the Specified waters of the reservoir in Annapurna (Ananthagiri) Reservoir is located in Ananthagiri village, Illanthakunta Mandal of Rajanna Sircilla District	Fishing license issued for Fishing in the Specified waters of the reservoir in Annapurna (Ananthagiri) Reservoir is located in Ananthagiri village, Illanthakunta Mandal of Rajanna Sircilla District
1	License No.	License No.
2	Name of the licensee with Adhaar No.	Name of the licensee with Adhaar No.
3	Father’s Name	Father’s Name
4	Address of Licensee with house No.	Address of Licensee with house No.
5	Period for which license is issued	Period for which license is issued
6	Date of issue	Date of issue
7	Date of expiry	Date of expiry
8	Fresh or renewal (if renewed previous license no.)	Fresh or renewal (if renewed previous license no.).
9	Tackle permitted to be used	Tackle permitted to be used
10	Craft permitted to be used	Craft permitted to be used
11	License fee paid	License fee paid
	A. Amount Paid	A. Amount Paid
	B. Date of Payment	B. Date of Payment
12	The license is liable for cancellation at any time by the undersigned for reasons to be recorded in writing and the license is not entitled to the refund of any license fee.	The license is liable for cancellation at any time by the undersigned for reasons to be recorded in writing and the license is not entitled to the refund of any license fee.

Date	Signature	Designation	Date	Signature	Designation
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The licensee should affix his latest photo on the top right corner of the license.

(To be printed on the reverse of Schedule “E”)

1. The license shall not be transferable.
- 2.The license shall be bound by all the conditions prescribed from time to time during the period of license.

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3. The licensee shall carry with him, his license while fishing and shall produce on demand for inspection to the inspecting officer concerned.
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7. No licensee should operate any net of more than 450 feet in length.
8. The licensee shall not operate Pandyjal (shore seine) drag net.
9. A bonafide fishermen living in the villages and project affected persons who face lose of livelihood, have adequate skills in fishing and express interest to take-up fishing activities for their livelihood are entitled to get the license.
10. The licensee shall bring his catches to a specified landing centre and provide necessary fish catching data as and when directed by the District Fisheries Officer or his nominee.
11. The licensee shall conduct fishing within the specified area in the reservoir as may be indicated by the District Fisheries Officer or his nominee in the license.
12. The District Fisheries Officer or any other officer authorized by him not below the rank of Assistant Inspector of Fisheries may cancel a license, if the licensee violates any of these rules, after giving him a reasonable opportunity to explain. If the license is cancelled, the licensee shall not be entitled for the further fishing in the waters. However, the aggrieved licensee may appeal to the Commissioner of Fisheries or officer authorized by him.
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16. The licensee is prohibited fishing by poisoning, shooting, explosive substance, electrocution, bombing and stupefaction.

SCHEDULE “F”

(See Rule 1)

List of reservoir and their channels, to be brought under permanent licensing system.

- 1. Annapurna (Ananthagiri) Reservoir, located in Ananthagiri village, Illanthakunta Mandal and its channels of Rajanna Sircilla district.

ADHAR SINHA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT